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MAIL-BAG

C'MON, 'SCRAY!

Sir,—In the first place, I would like to congratulate Bob Wemyss for his fine performance in his first game for Footscray-Capri against Wilhelmina.

Now for some comment on the match itself: I think Footscray players concentrated too much on the wingers, thus giving centre-forward Abela very little opportunity to have some shots for goal.

Also, the inside-forwards should be told that it is better to pass the ball to an unmarked man than to attempt to dribble through the entire defence.

With a little more understanding, I think that we could register our first win for the season next Saturday.—Yours, etc.,

FOOTSCRAY FAN.

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THE REFS. AGAIN

Sir,—I was rather disgusted with the front-page interview in last week's SOCCER NEWS.

I would like to ask you and Mr. F. Hutchison the following questions:—

1. Do you realise that charging £5 per game qualifies our referees as professionals?
2. That being professionals, in the broad sense of the word, makes them subject to criticism?
3. That every soccer player, after playing a poor game, can be condemned by the Press?
4. That the referee is only one of the players, though the most important one?
5. That some State League referees are not of a very high standard, and many results are influenced by the official's incompetence?
6. That in spite of all this, many referees still maintain their ignorant and arrogant attitude??

Yours, etc.,

G. J. SOMERS.

28 Purnell Road,
Corio.

[Why are you disgusted, Mr. Somers? Is it because a referee was given an opportunity, just for a change, to reply to the steady barrage of criticism that is constantly directed at him and his fellow referees?

We take the view that referees are criticised far too often, most of the time unjustifiably, and most of the time, too, only by squealing losers.

The fact remains that any game must have a single arbiter, and that the contestants must agree to abide by the decisions of the man provided.

The players, officials, and spectators who regard themselves as sportsmen would never try, by word or action, to undermine the authority of the man in charge of a game, even when they see him make an error.

Particularly at this time, when the Referees' Association is trying desperately to increase its numbers and raise its standards, referees should be given encouragement to carry on—not the wild criticism, the abuse, the threats, the intimidation, and the assaults that continues to drive them out of the game.—EDITOR.]

LEADERS WIN IN GEELONG

Scottish, Macedonia, and British, the three leaders in the Geelong District League, maintained their positions by winning again last Saturday.

Scottish beat Corio II, 5-0; British won narrowly, 1-0, from Zagreb, and Macedonia took the points from Olympia, 3-1.

Croatia was forced to play its "home"' game on Corio's ground, but it made no difference, Croatia winning 2-0.

In the remaining match, D.S.G.I. defeated its second team, D.S.G.II, by 6-0.

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Scottish S. C.	10	8	1	1	45	9	17
Macedonia	9	8	0	1	52	10	16
British S. C.	10	7	0	3	40	22	14
Zagreb	10	7	0	3	25	13	14
D.S.G. 1	10	6	0	4	23	26	12
Croatia	9	4	1	4	24	15	9
Corio 1	10	4	0	6	23	33	8
Olympia	10	2	0	8	17	44	4
Corio 2	10	2	0	8	8	41	4
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Hate Rumours Still Fly in Sydney

For some reason, false rumours are still circulating in Sydney about the so-called existence of a hate campaign in Victoria directed against the N.S.W. Federation of Soccer Leagues.

What reason exists for continuing circulation of such nonsense is hard to understand.

Last week's issue of Sydney's SOCCER WORLD hinted that the reports which keep the rumours alive originate in Victoria.

Although written merely as a question, this extract from that newspaper would tend to confirm the rumours as being true in the mind of the average reader.

"If reports coming from Victoria are true, that leading soccer officials carry on a weekly radio and newspaper hate campaign against the Federation, then we are surprised.

"It is difficult to understand why the attacks are being made and for what purpose."

In the interests of good relations between States, which are essential, a complete re-statement of the cycle of events that followed the Federation's breakaway might explain the Victorian Association's position in the matter, and possibly show how its views could have been misinterpreted, wilfully or otherwise, by various people connected with soccer in N.S.W.

Victoria deplored the breakaway for seveal reasons.

Firstly, this State was of the opinion that control of an organisation can be won in a constitutional manner, thus avoiding the automatic and unpleasant consequences that must follow a break with the legal authority.

Good Relations Between States Essential

Secondly, no matter how worthy its aims and intentions, a breakaway body becomes an "illegal" body. This one split Australia's most populous soccer State right down the middle, and forced Victoria—and every other National or State Association linked with F.I.F.A.—to recognise only the "legal" body — a most regrettable state of affairs.

Thirdly, it permitted one group of clubs to ignore the correct channels and methods for the clearance and transfer of players, causing a great deal of heartburning in the clubs of neighbouring States.

Lastly, it would create situations in which interstate and international matches were seriously affected — N.S.W. sides would not be truly representative, and a number of leading players would not be available for Australian teams.

The Victorian Council made it clear at all times that it considered the dispute in N.S.W. a purely domestic one, and although it could not, and would not, take sides in the issues involved, it had no choice in the matter of recognition of the constitutional body, which was still, of course, the Association.

This stand, based on legal requirements, may have been erroneously interpreted as being "against the Federation" and all that it stood for.

Further, this could have been the original misinterpretation which gave birth to the persistent rumours, still current, of a "state of war" between the States.

It is quite certain that Federation executives, Mr. Eddie Princi and Mr. Andy Burton, know that, now that unification has at last been achieved in N.S.W., the Federation has no more sincere well-wisher than Victoria.

The Federation has only one problem left on its hands, and that is the position of its five star players from Austria, whose presence in Australia is so welcome.

Victoria fervently hopes that, for the benefit of their club, the Federation, and Australian soccer, their status will be clarified very soon.

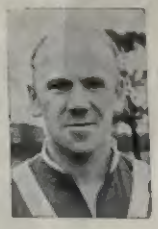
When this happens, Victoria will lose no time in inviting what will then be a completely representative N.S.W. team to visit this State in a challenge for the F.A. Trophy.

Knowing the class that exists at the top of Federation soccer, this is a match that every fan in Victoria is looking forward to with keen anticipation.

Furthermore, false and disturbing "hate" rumours will then be wiped out, we hope, forever.

Help for 'Scray

BOB WEMYSS



Former Captain of Victoria and Polonia, and an ARGUS Medallist who has represented Australia in the Olympic Games and in "tour" matches, Bob Wemyss has joined Footscray-Capri and may prove to be the tonic that the team needs.

CREDIT DUE FOR EXTRA NEWS SPACE

Bill Fleming's Persistency Gets Results

The tone of last week's issue of SOCCER NEWS turned out to be controversial, covering several fields, and somehow Bill Fleming and Owen Howard "got into the act" no less than four times.

They got a gentle dig from referee Fred Hutchison, Owen Howard got a rap for his story on suspended sentences, they—and others—were defended in the publication of parts of a tirade which came from a gentleman in Sydney, and Owen Howard, the SPORTING GLOBE, and other GLOBE soccer writers were defended against what was considered to be an unfair criticism in "MAILBAG."

Fair enough — the score was "two for," and "two against."

Good, too, because controversy is not a one-way street, and SOCCER NEWS is the only publication here that provides a four-lane highway for soccer opinion.

BILL FLEMING

He has won Big news space for Soccer in Press.

But lest readers regard the general tone of last week's issue as being "anti-Bill Fleming" instead of being merely "anti" some of his published statements, we want it known that these columns are wide open to him, or Owen Howard, or anybody else who wishes to air an opinion, make a suggestion, or launch an argument.

And that brings us to what we really started out to say. We regard this as a splendid opportunity to give credit where credit is due in an allied matter.

Soccer has always been hungry for increased space in the metropolitan Press.

The only increases worthy of note —the first in many years—have been those in the HERALD and the SPORTING GLOBE.

The soccer public should be made aware of the fact that the granting of these increases was due solely to the personal efforts and persistency of Bill Fleming.

He uses the extra space in the HERALD himself, and obtained for Owen Howard more than half-a-page in each Wednesday GLOBE, and practically a whole page for Howard and a team of soccer writers in each Saturday GLOBE.

This is the first time that eye-witness reports of each of the six State League matches have been given space in the Press here.

And it must be regarded as a major success. If some of the material that is written into these valuable spaces is controversial, so much the better—controversy is a spice that can increase interest in our sport.

A Day in the Country?

Like most soccer organisations here, the Northern Victorian A.S.F.A. can use cash to finance its operations.

The V.A.S.F.A. has received a request for the use of a date at Olympic Park by teams in that district, which would benefit from the proceeds.

The Park's heavy schedule, which runs right into October, makes it impossible to grant this request, no matter how reasonable it sounds.

It is possible, however, that the N.V.A.S.F.A. or its clubs could gain substantially from visits by major Melbourne clubs.

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FAAS WILKES, well-known Dutch international, who has been playing professional soccer in Spain for the last few years, is back in the Netherlands. He has signed a contract to play for Fortuna, a top-division team in Holland, during next season.

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JACKIE BRANCHFLOWER, former Manchester United and Ireland centre-half, who was forced to retire from the game as a result of injuries received in United's plane disaster, has settled in enemy territory. He has taken over a news-agency which is only a stone's throw from Manchester City's Maine Road ground.

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New Manager of Leeds United is JACK TAYLOR, former Wolves and Norwich star. Leeds had invited Dundee manager WILLIE THORNTON to take the £3,000-a-year job, but Thornton decided to stay with Dundee.

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When MILAN beat FIORENTINA 3-1 in Firenze in April, the gate was a record-breaker. 66,000 fans paid 88 million lira to see the match.

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A ball bursting in a Cup Final is almost unheard of, but it happened in both the 1946 and 1947 F.A. Cup Finals—and CHARLTON played in both, losing to DERBY in '46, and beating BURNLEY in '47.

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DOMINE SHARKEY, 16-year-old centre-forward of Sunderland's Fifth team, scored 83 goals last season. On various occasions, he stripped for the Fourths, the Thirds, and the Seconds.

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When the SCOTTISH SCHOOLBOYS' International Team beat the WALES SCHOOLBOYS at Dundee recently by 9 goals to 1, it was reckoned that no less than 86 talent scouts from senior clubs were watching the game. Consensus of opinion was that the Scottish boys put on a display that could be compared with those of the Wembley Wizards, and that some of them—Lorimer, Baillie, Carruthers, and Hope were mentioned—could go on to win world fame.

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WIENER SPORTKLUB won the Austrian Championship when it defeated VIENNA 4-2 recently. This ended a triumphant year for Wiener Sportklub. Undefeated in 39 league games the club amassed 46 points — the highest number of points won by an Austrian club in one season for 35 years.

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DAVIE LAPSLEY, who announced his retirement from soccer after he had captained this seasons Scottish Cup winner ST. MIRRENS, played for 13 seasons with the Buddies of Paisley. During that period Davie scored 54 goals from his position at right full-back—a tally which is probably the biggest ever scored by a United Kingdom full-back.

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When KICKERS' OFFENBACH beat TASMANIA BERLIN 3-2 in a German League semi-final at the Frankfurt Stadium recently, all three of Offenbach's goals were scored in the last 4 minutes—unique in the history of German finals. Tasmania led 2-0 at 86 minutes, then Offenbach broke through for its first reply. Two minutes later, Offenbach's centre-forward equalised with a header, and with only 30 seconds to go, its right wing-half scored the decider with a free kick from 30 yards out. Add to this the fact that Offenbach played most of the match without its centre-half, who had been ordered off in the first period, and the merit of Offenbach's win is magnified to heroic size.

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This is how some of the Central European Leagues finished the 1958-1959 season. We have space to name only the champions, and the second and third place-getters:

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: RED STAR BRATISLAVA, 40 points; DUKLA PRAGUE, 31; DYNAMO PRAGUE, 31.

BULGARIA: C.D.N.A. SOFIA, 32; SLAVIA SOFIA, 27, LEWSKI SOFIA, 24.

A.D.O. HOLLAND defeated League Champions SPARTA 2-1 after extra time in an Association Cup semi-final, but a crowd of 25,000 saw them lose 1-4 to champions V.V.V. in the Final.

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Malta Tops Holland In Cup Thriller

Penalty in First Minute Was Decider

An unlucky penalty award against Holland in the first minute of the match gave Malta its 1-0 World Cup win last Sunday.

Malta went into attack straight after the kick-off, and when a sharp cross from the right wing was about to pass Dutch full-back Brouwer on his goal-line side, he appeared to swing his arm quickly and deflected the ball.

It seemed to be an instinctive movement rather than a deliberate foul, but it cost Holland the match.

The remaining 69 minutes of the tie produced a top-class crowd-pleaser, but with both teams providing excellent defence coverage, neither side could reach the net with a field goal.

If Malta had a slight edge in speed, Holland made up for it with attractive ball-movement.

But the players of both teams were fit enough—at least for the 70 minutes involved—to swing from attack into defence and back again as often as necessary, so that whichever side was on the defensive, it always had sufficient personnel to fill any gaps.

Add to this the fact that key defenders Vince Muscat of Malta and Bill Westerveld of Holland were in top form, and the reason for the lack of scoring in this sizzling game becomes apparent.

Hungary had an easy time against Czechoslovakia veterans in the early match, winning 5-1 and loafing through the second half.

TREASURER'S SMILE

Mr. KURT DEFRIS

The Treasurer of the Sunday International Committee smiled like this when he saw last week's bumper crowd.

FIRE-CRACKERS OUT AT OLYMPIC PARK

The careless use of fire-crackers can lead to injury at any time. In crowds, their use is extremely dangerous, and can lead to major injury.

Police and officials moved quickly when large bungers were thrown around at Olympic Park last Sunday.

Names were taken, and the crackers were confiscated. Some of the offenders may be charged by summons with having committed a nuisance.

Mechanical or musical noise-makers may appeal to some as a means of letting off steam, but for the information of all concerned, fire-crackers will not be tolerated at Olympic Park.

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SLAVIA, J.U.S.T. FAIL BADLY IN VITAL MATCHES

George Cross Takes Narrow Lead

Slavia dropped out of the "four" and J.U.S.T. may have forfeited its last chance to get there when they crashed badly in their matches with Hakoah and George Cross.

The debacle at Olympic Park was practically a repeat of the Hakoah-Slavia performance last year. Then, too, Hakoah stopped a winning run by Slavia at the Park with the same score, 4-0.

But seldom has Slavia been seen in such an inglorious display of aimless football. There appeared to be no understanding whatsoever in either attack or defence. Even the side's normal bulldog spirit evaporated after Hakoah had scored its two quick goals through Maier at 28 and 32 minutes.

Only 3 points behind the leaders, Slavia cannot be ruled out of the play-offs, but its confidence must have been badly shaken by last Saturday's' ordeal.

J.U.S.T. RATTLED

The George Cross-J.U.S.T. match was a wild and woolly cup-tie affair, and J.U.S.T. apparently allowed itself to get rattled, particularly after a penalty for "hands" was netted by George Cross at 15 minutes.

J.U.S.T. then seemed to lose concentration—some spectators called it "panic"—and George Cross pressed home 3 more goals to take its half-time lead to 4-0.

The confident Maltese kept up the pressure in the second half, scoring twice more to win 6-0, and returning to the top of the ladder on goal average.

Footscray was first to score against Wilhelmina, but the bulldozer began to roll and Delgeorge scored a hat-trick before the interval.

Footscray's new recruit, Bob Wemyss, worked like a Trojan to keep his side in the match, but Wilhelmina never lost control and won 5-1.

MATCH ABANDONED

The abandonment of the Juventus-Yarra Park game at 50 minutes, when Juventus was leading 4-1, came as a shock. Juventus was probably disappointed at being deprived of a chance to improve its goal percentage.

Box Hill held its own with Moreland until midway through the second half, when Beggs fouled Loughran to give Moreland a penalty kick.

After McNeill had scored from the spot, Moreland took control of the game and ran out winners 3-0.

Polonia played at home last Saturday and used Geelong as a trial-horse for its new players, who are rapidly settling down into the team.

POLONIA RISING?

Winning comfortably 4-0, Polonia appears to be the only team in the middle of the ladder with a chance to reach the "four."

To succeed, the Polish club would have to get help from within the "four" itself—that is, current members of the "four" would have to dethrone each other evenly when they meet.

Today's meeting between George Cross and Hakoah will thoroughly test the Blues, and unless they have a secret weapon, the 4-2 result in favour of George Cross at their previous meeting could be repeated.

Wilhelmina and J.U.S.T. put on a sizzling 4-4 draw in April, and if J.U.S.T.'s confidence has not been shattered by last week's trouncing, spectators at the Showgrounds could see another soccer showpiece.

Polonia appears to be a safe winner against Yarra Park, and although Moreland has always been a thorn in the side of Juventus, the Italian club is in top form and should take the points at Olympic Park tomorrow.

Slavia must face the jitters as well as Geelong down the bay, and may not be equal to its task.

On revealed form, the result of the Footscray-Box Hill fixture could go either way.

OLYMPIC PARK FIXTURES

Saturday, July 11—
Hakoah v. George Cross.

Sunday, July 12—
Moreland v. Juventus.

Saturday, July 18—
George Cross v. Slavia.

Sunday, July 19—
Wilhelmina v. Hakoah.

Saturday, July 25—
Geelong v. George Cross.

Sunday, July 26—
J.U.S.T. v. Juventus.

Saturday, August 1—
Wilhelmina v. George Cross.

Sunday, August 2—
Sunday International Matches.

Saturday, August 8—
Hakoah v. Polonia.

Sunday, August 9—
Slavia v. Juventus.

Saturday, August 15—
Moreland v. J.U.S.T.

Sunday, August 16—
Juventus v. George Cross.

Saturday, August 22—
George Cross v. Polonia.

Sunday, August 23—
Sunday International Matches.

Saturday, August 29—
Polonia v. Wilhelmina.

Sunday, August 30—
Sunday International Matches.

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LAST WEEK

STATE LEAGUE

George Cross d. J.U.S.T., 6-0.
Hakoah d. Slavia, 4-0.
Wilhelmina d. Footscray, 5-1.
Moreland d. Box Hill, 3-0.
Juventus d. Yarra Park, 4-1.
Polonia d. Geelong, 4-0.

State League Reserves

George Cross drew with J.U.S.T., 1-1.
Hakoah d. Slavia, 4-1.
Wilhelmina d. Footscray, 4-0.
Box Hill d. Moreland, 3-1.
Juventus d. Yarra Park, w.o.
Polonia d. Geelong, 5-0.

METROPOLITAN NORTH

First Division

Sicilia d. Hellenic, 2-0.
Corio drew with Coburg, 3-3.
Croatia d. Maccabbi, 5-1.
Preston drew with Lions/Hayduk, 5-5.
Sunshine City d. Brunswick, 3-1.

Second Division

St. Albans d. University, 2-1.
Williamstown drew with I.C.I., 0-0.
Moonee Ponds d. Collingwood, 2-1.
Essendon d. Heidelberg, 4-0.
Fiorentina d. Fairfield, 3-1.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH

First Division

Melbourne d. Yallourn, 5-2.
Richmond d. Dandenong, 4-3.
South Melbourne d. South Yarra, 5-3.
Vic. Police drew with Brighton, 2-2.
Park Rangers d. Prahran, 4-0.

Second Division

Frankston d. Croydon, 3-2.
Ferntree Gully d. Rosebud, 7-2.
Sandringham d. Bayswater, 3-2.
Austria drew with Oakleigh, 2-2.

METROPOLITAN RESERVES

First Division North

Lions/Hayduk d. Preston, 2-0.
Maccabbi d. Sandringham, 10-0.
Frankston d. Coburg, 7-1.
Hellenic d. University, 6-0.
Fiorentina drew with Sunshine City, 1-1.

First Division South

Melbourne d. Yallourn, 8-0.
Dandenong drew with Richmond, 3-3.
South Yarra d. South Melbourne, 4-1.
Park Rangers d. Prahran, 4-1.
Brighton, bye.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Seymour d. Noriane Olympia, 5-3.
North Richmond d. Yarraville, 5-0.
Makedonia d. Hollandia, 4-2.
Bendigo drew with Olympia, 3-3.
Trident d. Melita, 3-1.

LAIDLAY WORLD CUP

Hungary d. Czechoslovakia, 5-1.
Malta d. Holland, 1-0.

This Week

STATE LEAGUE

J.U.S.T. v. Wilhelmina.
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Footscray v. Box Hill.
Moreland v. Juventus.
Yarra Park v. Polonia.

DOCKERTY CUP

SECOND ROUND

Brighton v. Preston.
Maccabbi v. Croatia.
Dandenong v. Austria.
South Melbourne v. Corio.
Essendon v. I.C.I.
Coburg v. Moorabbin.
Vic. Police v. Melbourne.
Heidelberg v. Lions/Hayduk.
St. Albans v. Sunshine City.
Yallourn v. South Yarra.
Sandringham v. University.
Ferntree Gully v. Bayswater.
Seymour v. Park Rangers.
Bendigo v. Moonee Ponds.
Hellenic or Oakleigh.
Prahran v. F.N.D.

ARMSTRONG CUP

SECOND ROUND

Richmond v. Juventus.
Polonia v. Fiorentina.
Brighton v. Hakoah.
Melbourne v. Moreland.
Yallourn v. Wilhelmina.
Box Hill v. Slavia.
J.U.S.T. v. Geelong.
George Cross v. Footscray.

Cup Donor at Sandringham

Mr. Harry J. Dockerty, President of the V.A.S.F.A., donor of the Dockerty Cup, and Patron of the Sandringham City Soccer Club, will visit the 'Hammers today.

He will meet the players of both the home team and the visitors (University) and both teams will no doubt take the field with his best wishes.

NEXT WEEK

STATE LEAGUE and STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

Box Hill v. J.U.S.T.
Wilhelmina v. Hakoah.
George Cross v. Slavia.
Polonia v. Moreland.
Juventus v. Footscray.
Yarra Park v. Geelong.

METROPOLITAN NORTH

First Division

Preston v. Sunshine City.
Lions/Hayduk v. Maccabi.
Croatia v. Corio.
Coburg v. Hellenic.
Brunswick v. Sicilia.

Second Division

Heidelberg v. Fairfield.
Essendon v. Moonee Ponds.
Collingwood v. Williamstown.
I.C.I. v. St. Albans.
Fiorentina v. University.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH

First Division

Vic. Police v. Park Rangers.
Brighton v. South Yarra.
South Melbourne v. Richmond.
Dandenong v. Melbourne.
Prahran v. Yallourn.

Second Division

Sandringham v. Austria.
Bayswater v. Rosebud.
Ferntree Gully v. F.N.D.
Moorabbin v. Croydon.
Oakleigh v. Frankston.

METROPOLITAN RESERVES

First Division North

University v. Fiorentina.
Hellenic v. Coburg.
Frankston v. Sandringham.
Maccabi v. Lions/Hayduk.
Sunshine City v. Preston.

First Division South

South Yarra v. Brighton.
Richmond v. South Melbourne.
Melbourne v. Dandenong.
Yallourn v. Prahran.
Park Rangers, bye.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Bendigo v. Melita.
Olympia v. Makedonia.
Hollandia v. Yarraville.
North Richmond v. Noriane Olymp.
Trident v. Seymour.

HOW THEY STAND

STATE LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	P.
George Cross	13	9	3	1	38	15	21
Wilhelmina	13	10	1	2	62	26	21
Hakoah	13	9	2	2	31	17	20
Juventus	13	9	1	3	32	15	19
Slavia	13	8	2	3	31	22	18
J.U.S.T.	13	5	3	5	32	28	13
Polonia	13	4	5	4	21	24	13
Moreland	13	5	1	7	40	31	11
Geelong	13	2	3	8	18	33	7
Box Hill	13	3	1	9	13	39	7
Yarra Park	13	1	1	11	21	54	3
Footscray	13	0	3	10	21	56	3

METROPOLITAN LEAGUES

NORTH

First Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Croatia	10	7	2	1	33	14	16
Lions/Hayduk	10	7	1	2	28	8	15
Preston	10	6	2	2	28	9	14
Sunshine City	10	6	0	4	25	16	12
Sicilia	10	4	2	4	20	17	10
Hellenic	10	5	0	5	22	22	10
Coburg	10	3	3	4	20	23	9
Maccabi	10	3	1	6	19	29	7
Corio	10	3	1	6	13	22	7
Brunswick	10	0	0	10	7	55	0

Second Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Fiorentina	10	8	1	1	29	10	17
Moonee Ponds	10	8	0	2	32	15	16
University	10	7	1	2	31	17	15
Essendon	10	6	0	4	22	19	12
I.C.L.	10	3	2	5	21	27	8
Heidelberg	10	4	0	6	16	31	8
Collingwood	10	3	1	6	23	29	7
Williamstown	10	2	2	6	15	25	6
Fairfield	10	2	2	6	18	22	6
St. Albans	10	2	1	7	15	27	5

SOUTH

First Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Melbourne	10	10	0	0	74	14	20
Richmond	10	8	0	2	41	10	16
South Melbourne	10	7	0	3	32	16	14
Brighton	10	6	1	3	30	20	13
Yallourn	10	6	0	4	38	26	12
Dandenong	10	4	0	6	28	35	8
Prahran	10	2	1	7	14	40	5
Park Rangers	10	2	0	7	17	42	4
South Yarra	10	2	0	8	14	40	4
Vic. Police	10	0	2	8	9	54	2

Second Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Sandringham	10	9	1	0	26	15	19
Frankston	10	6	2	2	31	20	14
Oakleigh	10	5	3	2	20	13	13
Austria	10	5	2	3	38	27	12
Bayswater	10	4	3	3	25	23	11
Moorabbin	10	3	3	4	23	30	9
Ferntree Gully	10	4	0	6	33	20	8
F.N.D.	10	3	2	5	23	31	8
Rosebud	10	3	0	7	23	33	6
Croydon	10	0	0	10	17	47	0

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Seymour	10	7	2	1	28	12	16
Norlane Olympia	10	6	3	1	31	17	15
Makedonia	10	6	2	2	24	13	14
North Richmond	9	5	3	1	37	14	13
Olympia	10	5	1	4	27	17	11
Trident	10	4	3	3	24	20	11
Melita	10	3	2	5	23	31	8
Bendigo	9	2	3	4	21	27	7
Hollandia	10	1	0	9	26	38	2
Yarraville	10	0	1	9	3	55	1

TABLES COMPILED
by
STUART BEATON
Secretary-Manager
V.A.S.F.A.

State League Reserves

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Wilhelmina	12	10	2	0	48	10	22
Hakoah	12	10	1	1	40	15	21
Polonia	12	6	3	3	18	15	15
Juventus	12	6	1	5	27	17	13
Box Hill	12	6	1	5	31	22	13
J.U.S.T.	12	6	1	5	31	23	13
Geelong	12	6	1	5	26	30	13
Moreland	12	4	3	5	23	21	11
George Cross	12	3	3	6	20	33	9
Footscray	12	3	1	8	13	31	7
Slavia	12	2	2	8	22	42	6
Yarra Park	12	0	1	11	3	54	1

First Division Reserves.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Melbourne	10	8	1	1	60	17	17
Richmond	10	7	2	1	35	17	16
Dandenong	10	7	1	2	31	19	15
Brighton	10	5	1	4	25	21	11
Park Rangers	10	5	1	4	22	19	11
Yallourn	10	4	3	3	30	27	11
South Melbourne	10	5	0	5	23	33	10
South Yarra	10	3	1	6	17	32	7
Prahran	10	1	0	9	10	68	2

First Division Reserves.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Lions/Hayduk	10	8	1	1	30	8	17
Sunshine City	10	7	1	2	25	14	15
Preston	10	5	3	2	30	16	13
Frankston	10	5	2	3	32	19	12
Fiorentina	10	5	1	4	27	19	11
Coburg	10	5	1	4	21	21	11
Maccabi	10	5	0	5	38	24	10
Hellenic	10	3	0	7	20	36	6
Sandringham	10	2	0	8	11	35	4
University	10	0	1	9	6	48	1

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PRESTON AGAIN TIPS LEADER OUT

Croatia Regains One-Point Lead

The week before last, Preston's draw with Croatia cost Croatia the single point that tossed them out of the league leadership and let the Lions in.

Last Saturday, as predicted, Preston tipped the Lions out of the top berth with a 0-0 draw, which allowed Croatia back in after a convincing 5-1 win over Maccabi.

There are still only 2 points between these three leaders, and they'll no doubt be waiting anxiously for league play to begin again next week with the hope of breaking up this close race.

Sunshine City stayed close to the leaders with a 3-1 win over Brunswick, and, with 12 points, is far from being out of it.

Coburg, who drew with Corio, and Sicilia, who beat Hellenic, may have heaved themselves out of the relegation picture but they are still in no position to relax.

In today's Dockerty Cup round, there is one intra-league tie, between Croatia and Maccabi, and, on league form, this could be Maccabi's last Cup appearance this year.

Preston, drawn with Brighton, Lions, drawn with Heidelberg, Coburg, drawn with Moorabbin, and Sunshine City, drawn with St. Albans, are all likely survivors, but each of them will be glad when the last whistle blows, win or lose.

Corio, meeting South Melbourne United, and Hellenic, drawn with Oakleigh, may join Brunswick and Sicilia, who were eliminated in the first round.

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Park Rangers report that their improved showing against Prahran was the result of better understanding between their forwards. May it continue!

FIRST DIVISION REVIEW

RICHMOND WILL MEET S.A. SIDE

Richmond will apparently have an interstate season after its league season. We were told a week or two back that, when the leagues are finished, they will travel to Sydney for friendly matches there. Now we are informed that, after their return from Sydney, they will entertain South Australian First Division side, VICTORIA-Adelaide, in Melbourne, in a two-match programme.

LEADERS UNCHANGED IN FIRST SOUTH

Park Rangers in Upward Move

With three of the four leaders winning their matches last Saturday, the position at the head of the ladder remains virtually unchanged.

The most significant move occurred at the bottom, where Park Rangers rose from ninth position to seventh after a 4-0 win over Prahran.

That does not by any means suggest that the Rangers are out of danger, but one or two more good wins, at the right time could turn the trick.

Dandenong gave Richmond plenty to worry about before going down 3-4 to the "Goalies' Club." This almost spoiled the neat look of Richmond's "goals against" figure, but they have still yielded only one goal per match in their 10 league games.

South Melbourne United had a fright, too, before toppling South Yarra 5-3.

Richmond is the only club not represented in the Dockerty Cup "round of 32."

Two of the ties are intra-league, pitting Melbourne against Vic. Police and Yallourn against South Yarra, and in each case, the first-named looks the winner.

Brighton, Dandenong, Park Rangers, and Prahran are all in for a torrid time but with excellent chances of survival, and South Melbourne should beat Corio.

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SECOND DIVISION REVIEW

CLUB ROOM FOR FIORENTINA

Recognising the value of social headquarters for its members, FIORENTINA have arranged for meeting and recreation rooms for the club. These will be available soon on premises of the Poker Espresso Bar, at 651 Rathdown Street, North Carlton.

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Sandringham have a very comfortable 5-point lead at the head of Second Division South, but they certainly got it the hard way. Of their 9 wins to date, six were won by the margin of a single goal.

HAMMERS AGAIN IN ODD-GOAL WIN

Frankston Now Runner-Up

Sandringham again got home by grace of a one-goal 3-2 win over Bayswater, and even this narrow win was assisted by luck factors.

Bayswater was extremely unlucky in losing centre-forward Kurt Imberger with a badly cut head after only 20 minutes of play, and their tally of 2 goals without their regular spearhead looks like a remarkable effort.

And the Hammers were lucky that left-winger Ricky Jennings was in "hot" form, and scored all of his side's three goals.

When Austria and Oakleigh split the points in a 2-all draw, it enabled Frankston to slip into second place after its 3-2 win over Croydon.

With only 3 points between the four clubs contesting the position of runner-up to Sandringham, the promotional issue is still wide open, and supporters are assured of plenty of thrills before one club manages to get safely out in front.

Seven Second South clubs are involved in today's round of the Dockerty Cup, and at least six of them have an even chance of survival.

The exception is caused by an intra-league tie between Bayswater and Ferntree Gully, a local derby of hill-side neighbours, and, of course, one must fall by the wayside.

Austria, who meets Dandenong, Moorabbin, matched with Coburg, Sandringham, drawn with University, Oakleigh, tied with Hellenic, and F N D., who meet Prahran, should do well against their opponents, but not a soul would bet a counterfeit penny on any of the results.

HOTSPUR WANTS ARMFIELD

Although TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR have paid out over £100,000 in transfer fees during the past two seasons, they still have a weakness in the back line, and would be willing to pay out a lot more to get JIMMY ARMFIELD of Blackpool.

Jimmy visited Australia with Blackpool last year, and won a lot of praise for his play at right full-back.

Jimmy originally signed for Blackpool as an amateur wing forward-back in 1952, and became a full time professional in September, 1956.

The odds are that Blackpool will not part with him—not even for a big fee.

ST. ALBANS REPEATS GIANT-KILLER ROLE

Fiorentina Gets Clear Lead

Tail-ender St. Albans maintained its giant-killing role last week when it tossed University 2-1.

This shock result dropped the loser, a joint leader on points before last week, down to third place, helped Fiorentina to a clear one-point lead, and allowed Moonee Ponds to leap-frog into the runner-up spot.

Now the position becomes very tight at both ends of the league.

Only 2 points separate the three leaders, and there are only 3 points between the six teams in the lower bracket.

Essendon is the only one of the ten clubs who appears to be in safe, untroubled waters—but Essendon is the dangerous time-bomb for both the promotional candidates and the potential relegation victims.

Six clubs from the Second Division North are engaged in Cup ties today, and four could survive.

One will be the winner of the intra-league match Essendon v. I.C.I.

University, Moonee Ponds, and St. Albans have excellent chances against Sandringham, Bendigo, and Sunshine City respectively, and that leaves Heidelberg as the only challenger who is in a tight spot.

They are drawn to meet Lions-Hayduk, a very tough side to beat.

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FACTS and FLY-KICKS

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SOUTH MELBOURNE UNITED had a mighty close call last week when they found themselves down 2-3 and only 10 minutes to play. Five minutes later, the score was 5-3 in their favour. BILLY GUY, TERRY BUDDEN and COLIN BRADY scored three beauties, one after the other.

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The HUNGARY-CZECH cup tie last Sunday took us back a few years and revived some pleasant memories. Out there on the field for Czechoslovakia was FRANK BURIANIK, now 46 years old, and amongst his teammates were JOE GOTTESMAN, 38; MIKE SLAVIK, 38;; and JOE LACHMANN, 33. They were all carrying too much weight and age, but their feet still retain all the signs of their early education with a round ball.

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Two minutes before the MELBOURNE-YALLOURN match last Saturday, Melbourne was without a right wing-half. This was brought about when G. GERDAN was taken from the ground to hospital with suspected appendicitis. Melbourne's veteran coach VARNAI stripped and replaced Gerdan—and scored two mighty goals!

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Things we didn't know before about goalkeepers: (a) Before 1912, a goalkeeper could handle the ball outside his own penalty area, and (b), it was only in 1929 that the law was passed which requires him to stand still when he is defending against a penalty kick.

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DANDENONG CITY has a new Secretary, and here are the details for your address books: He is Mr. G. WILLIAMS, of 19 Simpson Street, Noble Park.

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There are some strange anomalies in the Postal Service. STUART BEATON tells us that the SPORTING GLOBE is mailed to him at Olympic Park every Wednesday. Last week, it arrived on Tuesday. Time elapsed —6 days; distance—1 mile. The same paper is air-mailed to London each week. Time elapsed—2½ days; distance—12,000 miles. He is thinking of flying to London each week so that he can get his GLOBE a few days earlier.

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When MACCABI'S captain, JOHNNY ALTMAN, retired recently, the team selected ALAN LEVEY, the former HAKOAH player, to take his place for the rest of the season. Alan plays at centre-half, and is considered to be one of the best players in the side.

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WILHELMINA is negotiating for an enclosed ground in Ringwood. A HERALD story on the subject included this: "Mr. van HOBOKEN, who is a well-known Ringwood business man, employs most of the Wilhelmina team." Mr. van Hoboken has asked SOCCER NEWS to make it known, on behalf of the players and himself, that there are only two Wilhelmina players at present in his employ. Others, after settling down in their new country, either find their way back into their own trade, or go into business for themselves.

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As soon as the soccer season is over, CHARLIE FEKETE of MELBOURNE will replace government by referee with government by a lady. Charlie will get married in September.

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Next Saturday night, July 18, FIORENTINA will hold a dinner-dance at the Fitzroy Town Hall. They claim it will be a night of prizes and surprises. A Miss FIORENTINA will be chosen, a buffet supper will be provided, and the drinking of refreshing liquids will be permitted. Sounds like a big night.

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At the beginning of this season, RICHMOND was complaining that it had no right-winger. Look at them now—they've got three! They're new arrivals, and pretty good, too — NUESKE, WEKKELI, and SCHUMACHER.

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BAYSWATER is as progressive as clubs in the higher divisions, if not more so. They are building dressing rooms which will be ready for next season. The foundations have already been laid.

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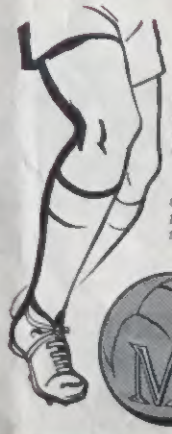
Last Saturday was a black day for Mr. TONY PAVLAS, President of SLAVIA. First the Reserves were beaten 1-4, then HAKOAH flattened the Seniors 4-0. And that was the day he selected to invite the Mayor, the Town Clerk, and several Councillors of the City of Port Melbourne to Olympic Park to watch their favourite soccer team. Tony was afraid that, after seeing Slavia's strange and untidy performance, his visitors might decide to cancel his lease. But, of course, he had nothing to worry about—the civic gentlemen turned out to be kindly, understanding sportsmen who know that any contestant can have "one of those days."



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AUSTRALIA LEADS 2-0 AT INTERVAL SHOCKS ENGLAND

Aussie Full-Back Cedes "Own Goal" and Penalty to Give England Win

Australia led England during the major part of Saturday's Test Match at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, but two errors by a full-back late in the game helped the tourists to recover and eventually win 4-3.

England won the toss, and centre-forward Smith immediately put Australia into attack, but clever interception by Strasser, the English captain, prevented inside-right Anderson from getting a shot at goal.

With the ball cleared downfield, clever forward play on England"s right wing initiated a strong attack on Australia's goal, but Sheppard was in brilliant form and stopped two shots from England's spearhead Matthews.

Australia's left-winger Fyfe, using tricky footwork, beat defenders Lewis and Strasser and raised a thrill when he broke through and centred across the goal-mouth, but team-mate Hughes just failed to connect and Strasser cleared to put England back into attack.

Excellent combination between the English halves and forwards gave Goalie Sheppard a hot time momentarily, but he made several clever saves and finally cleared the ball to midfield.

Australia's two inside-forwards then combined to give English goalie Woolcock some anxious moments, but it was Smith who moved in to belt Anderson's centre into the net to give Australia a one-goal lead at 22 minutes.

Eleven minutes later, Anderson again started the moves that scored when he crossed the ball to right-winger Wilkinson, whose accurate pass was taken and smashed past Woolcock by Hughes to make the scores 2-0.

England fought back hotly, but could not beat Sheppard's defence of his net, although he had lucky assists from the wood twice, and Australia held its 2-goal lead at the interval.

England made a determined bid after the intermission, and was rewarded with its first goal at 51 minutes when a shot by Mathews was deflected into the net by left-back Mackey.

England kept up the pressure and equalised 4 minutes later when inside-left drew Mackey and passed to Mathews who beat Sheppard with a point-blank sizzler.

Plenty of excitement followed with both sides pressing hard, but Australia regained the lead when pivot McCluskey delivered the ball to Smith who with Anderson and Wilkinson opened the English defence to present Anderson with an easy scoring chance that made the score 3-2.

England then stormed the Australian goal area, until finally Mackey fouled to give the visitors a penalty kick, which Eastham converted to equalise at 3-all.

With only 12 minutes to go, England took the lead for the first time with what proved to be the decider when Thornton scored from 6 yards.

Sheppard was still bringing off magnificent saves when the final whistle blew.

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PUZZLED?

The Test Match reviewed above was played at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on July 24, 1937.

The facts and details were drawn from the full report written in the SPORTING GLOBE of that date.

The referee of this historic match was Mr. Tom Burns, who is at present a Trustee and Life Member of the V.A.S.F.A.

Wilhelmina in Strong Bid for Juniors

Wilhelmina is organising a Junior Club and is training youngsters with an eye on season 1960.

The coach in charge of the youngsters is Mr. R. Rubens, a former international player. He has shown plenty of patience and ability in the handling of the boys, and if they have the necessary spirit and tenacity, they should go a long way under his guidance.

To give the boys the proprietary feeling of club membership, they are required to pay the tiny, nominal fee of 6d. at each training session.

Enquiries may be addressed to the club at 10 Whitehorse Road, Ringwood.

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Technical School Standings

Section 1.		
Prahran	15	
Swinburne	10	
Burwood	10	
Richmond	10	
Box Hill	6	
Ferntree Gully	4	
Section 2.		
Oakleigh	15	
Dandenong	11	
Moorabbin	9	
Noble Park	9	
Caulfield	7	
Brighton	7	
Sandringham	6	
Section 3.		
Collingwood	18	
Preston	9	
Coburg	7	
Brunswick	2	
Section 4.		
Footscray	16	
Sunshine	13	
Essendon	12	
Williamstown	7	
Glenroy	6	
Tottenham	0	

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THE JUNIOR LEAGUES

Olympia, with 7 games remaining to be played in the Under 12 Section, only require 9 more points to secure the Premiership in their first Junior Season. The St. Albans boys were very fortunate to defeat Essendon by the odd goal last Saturday. Essendon produced some very weak team work and, had they taken all their opportunities should have won this game comfortably.

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The Under 14 (Northern Section) has developed into a three-cornered fight. With only three matches left to be played, Trident appear to be likely premiers, although Sunshine City still have an outside chance. Unfortunately, when going to press, details of the reason for the abandonment of the Trident v. Sunshine City match on July 4 had not been received. City were leading by 2 goals to nil when the game was abandoned by an official referee.

In the Southern Section, St. Kilda are probable premiers with Brighton runners-up. Brighton must win all three remaining games.

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In the under 16 (Northern Section) those old rivals, Sunshine City and Essendon, are once again the leaders. Essendon v. Sunshine City, at Essendon, August 15, with an official referee, could be the deciding game for the premiership in this section. Sunshine City are still undefeated after 9 games.

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The Under 18 Section, with Sunshine City undefeated after 9 games, now appears to be a one-horse race. City defeated Box Hill by the odd goal, thereby tasting sweet revenge for their surprise exit from the Cup competition when they lost by the odd goal to Box Hill on June 27. City now have a clear 5 points lead.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

UNDER 12

Olympia d. Essendon, 1-0.
South Melbourne d. Broadmeadows H., 2-0.
Williamstown Hostel v. Preston Hostel (not notified).
Byes: Brooklyn Hostel v. Sunshine City.

UNDER 14 (NORTH)

Sunshine City v. Trident (abandoned).
Brooklyn Hostel d. Maribyrnong H., 3-2.
Bye: Lions/Hayduk.

UNDER 14 (SOUTH)

Essendon d. South Melbourne, 3-2.
Maccabi v. Broadmeadows Hostel (not notified).

UNDER 16 (NORTH)

South Melbourne drew South Yarra, 2-2.
Essendon d. Wesley College, 5-0.
Byes: Ajax and Sunshine City.

UNDER 16 (SOUTH)

Bayswater drew Morrabbin City, 1-1.
Box Hill d. Croydon, 5-1.
Heidelberg v. Preston T.S.O.B. (not notified).
Bye: Dandenong City.

UNDER 18.

St. Kilda drew Preston T.S.O.B., 3-3.
Sunshine City d. Box Hill, 1-0.
Coburg United d. Tullamarine, 9-0.

UNDER 18—1st ROUND CUP

Fairfield v. Army Apprentices (not notified).

NEXT WEEK'S GAMES

UNDER 12

Brooklyn Hostel v. Sunshine City.
Essendon v. Williamstown Hostel.
Preston Hostel v. South Melbourne.
Byes: Broadmeadows Hostel and Olympia.

UNDER 14 (NORTH)

Trident v. Lions/Hayduk.
Sunshine City v. Maribyrnong Hostel.
Bye: Brooklyn Hostel.

UNDER 14 (SOUTH)

Brighton v. Essendon.
South Melbourne v. Maccabi.
St. Kilda v. Broadmeadows Hostel.

UNDER 16 (NORTH)

South Yarra v. Essendon.
Sunshine City v. Wesley College.
Byes: South Melbourne and Ajax.

UNDER 16 (SOUTH)

Dandenong City v. Moorabbin City.
Preston T.S.O.B. v. Croydon.
Heidelberg v. Bayswater.
Bye: Box Hill.

UNDER 18

Fairfield v. Sunshine City.
Army Apprentices v. Box Hill.
Bye: Coburg United.

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The 2nd Round Cup draw was made on July 6 and will appear in the next issue of SOCCER NEWS.

JUNIOR TABLES

UNDER 12

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Olympia	11	11	0	0	22
South Melbourne	11	7	1	3	15
Essendon	11	7	0	4	14
Brooklyn Hostel	11	7	0	4	14
Sunshine City	11	6	2	3	14
Broadmeadows Hostel	10	5	2	3	12
Preston Hostel	10	2	2	6	6
Williamstown Hostel	9	1	1	7	3

UNDER 14 (NORTH)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Trident	10	10	0	0	20
Sunshine City	10	8	0	2	16
Lions/Hayduk	11	7	0	4	14
Brooklyn Hostel	11	3	1	7	7
Maribyrnong Hostel	11	3	1	7	7

UNDER 14 (SOUTH)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
St. Kilda	10	9	0	1	18
Brighton	11	8	0	3	16
Essendon	11	7	0	4	14
South Melbourne	11	5	0	6	10
Broadmadows Hostel	9	1	0	8	2
Maccabi	10	1	0	9	2

UNDER 16 (NORTH)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Sunshine City	9	9	0	0	18
Essendon	9	8	0	1	16
Ajax	9	5	2	2	12
Wesley College	9	4	2	3	10
South Melbourne	9	3	3	3	9
South Yarra	9	2	1	6	5

UNDER 16 (SOUTH)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Moorabbin City	9	8	1	0	17
Dandenong City	9	8	0	1	16
Box Hill	9	6	0	3	12
Bayswater	9	5	1	3	11
Croydon	9	3	0	6	6
Heidelberg	8	3	0	5	6
Preston T.S.O.B.	8	1	0	7	2

UNDER 18

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Sunshine City	9	9	0	0	18
Box Hill	9	6	1	2	13
St. Kilda	8	4	2	2	10
Coburg United	8	4	1	3	9
Fairfield	8	2	2	4	6
Army Apprentices	8	1	2	5	4
Preston T.S.O.B.	9	1	2	6	4
South Yarra	9	1	1	7	3

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Private billets are still urgently required for the St. George Junior Soccer Association (Under 14), visiting Melbourne during the period August 29 to September 7. Offers of assistance should be forwarded to Mr. L. Young (BM 5309) or J. P. Threlfall, 3 Ferguson Street, Sunshine.

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Ronald Wilson of Essendon Juniors, a member of the Under 14 Victorian XI last season, has been told by his doctor not to play for a period of six months. He has relaxed tendons in both feet.

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